

Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Social Studies
Teacher Certification

The 2026-2027 list of core courses can be found in the 2026-2027 Undergraduate Catalog: www.utrgv.edu/catalog > See 'Bachelors Degree Program Regulations'

Symbols Key										
Campus: B - Offered in Brownsville; E - Offered in Edinburg; O - Offered Online; T - Travel Required										
Bolted Course Number*: Program Admission Requirement										
Min Grade: A - Excellent; B - Good; C - Satisfactory; D - Below Average; CR - Credit; P - Passing; S - Satisfactory.										
Core: 010 - Communication; 020 - Mathematics; 030 - Life and Physical Sciences; 040 - Language, Philosophy & Culture; 050 - Creative Arts; 060 - American History; 070 - Government/Political Science; 080 - Social and Behavioral Sciences;										
Core: 090 - Applied Communication and Literacies; Humanities; Leadership; Science Labs; Interdisciplinary; Technologies; Language Diversity & Writing										
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Communication	C	010	For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on English portion of ACT test and TSI examination or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301.	See General Education Core for more details Option: ENGL 1301	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1301 or HIST/MASC 2327	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Mathematics	C	020	College Ready TSI status in Mathematics or MATH 0314/0332/0342.	See General Education Core for course options.	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Creative Arts		050		See General Education Core for course options.	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	ECON 2301	Principles of Macroeconomics	C	080		Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
1	Fall		B/E/O	UNIV	1301 Learning Framework 1101 Academic and Career Success 1001/1300 Living and Working by Design				As required, based on a number of factors such as credit hours earned, TSI status, high school rank, major declaration, etc.	
1	Fall	15	Semeste Semester Total Hours							
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Communication	C	010	For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on English portion of ACT test and TSI examination or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301.	See General Education Core for more details Options: ENGL 1302 or ENGL 1305	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core for more details. Options: HIST 1302 or HIST/MASC 2328	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Social Science Component				See degree plan for course options.	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	POLS 2305	U.S. Federal Govt & Politics		070			
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	ECON 2302	Principles of Microeconomics			ECON 2301 with a grade of 'C' or better.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
1	Spring	15	Semeste Semester Total Hours							
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	POLS 2306	Texas Government & Politics		070			
2	Fall	4	B/E/O	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030	May apply pending course selection	See General Education Core for course options. 1 credit hour of lab may apply to category 090.	
2	Fall	1	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090		See General Education Core for course options.	
2	Fall	3	B/E	EDFR 2301	Intercultural Context of Schooling					
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	HIST 2321	World History I		040			
2	Fall	14	Semeste Semester Total Hours							
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	HIST 2322	World History II		090			
2	Spring	4	B/E/O	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030	May apply pending course selection	See General Education Core for course options. 1 credit hour of lab may apply to category 090.	
2	Spring	3	B/E	HIST 3333	Texas History				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
2	Spring	3	B/E	HIST 3308	History Foundation for Social Studies Educators					
2	Spring	3	O	EDUC 3301	The Teaching Profession and Student Learning in Contemporary Schools				May be taken during summer session.	
2	Spring	16	Semeste Semester Total Hours							

Apply to the College of Education and P-16 Integration Educator Preparation program

By the end of the spring semester of the junior year, teacher candidates should contact department chair to learn more about content exam testing requirements.

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3	Fall	3	B/E	Choose One	Prescribed Electives (United States History: Colonial America to 1776)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	U.S. History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options.
3	Fall	3	B/E	Choose One	Prescribed Electives (United States History: Early National Period to 1848)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	U.S. History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options.
3	Fall	3	B/E	HIST 3302	World Environmental History				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
3	Fall	3	O	GEOG 1303	World Regional Geography				Geography component.
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (European History)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	European History Electives. See Degree Plan for course options.
3	Fall	3	B/E	EDUC 3302	Knowledge of Student Development and Learning			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program.	May be taken during summer session.
3	Fall	18 Semester Total Hours							
3	Spring	3	B/E	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (Latin American History)				Latin American History Electives. See Degree Plan for course options.
3	Spring	3	B/E	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (Political Science Component)			POLS 2305	Political Science Electives. See Degree Plan for course options.
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3	Spring	3	O	GEOG 3320	Cultural Geography for Educators				Geography Component.
3	Spring	3	B/E	EDUC 3306	Evidence-Based Teaching in Positive Learning Environments			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program; EDUC 3302.	
3	Spring	3	B/E	EDUC 3304	Instructional Planning and Assessment in Culturally Sustaining Classrooms			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program; EDUC 3302.	
3	Spring	18 Semester Total Hours							
3	SUMMER	3	O	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (World/Asian/Middle Eastern History)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	World/Asian/Middle Eastern History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options.
3	SUMMER	3	O	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (European History)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	European History Electives. See Degree Plan for course options.
3	SUMMER	6 Semester Total Hours							
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes
4	Fall	3	B/E	HIST 4398	History Capstone for Social Studies Educators			HIST 3308.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
4	Fall	3	B/E	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (United States History Elective: 1877 to the Present)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	U.S. History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options.
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (Additional History Elective)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	
4	Fall	3	B/E	Choose One	Prescribed Elective (United States History: Era of Sectional Conflict)			HIST 3300 or HIST 3308 may apply	U.S. History Elective. See Degree Plan for course options.
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	READ 4305	Disciplinary Literacy in the Classroom				
4	Fall	15 Semester Total Hours							
Apply to Clinical Teaching program one semester prior to Student teaching semester (Spring for Fall, Fall for Spring).									
4	Spring	6	B/E	EDUC 4611	Student Teaching Secondary or All-Level			Admission to the CEP Educator Preparation Program and Admission to CEP Clinical Teaching	All Education courses must be completed prior to admission to Clinical Teaching. Passing identified TExES certification exams is required before EDUC 4611. Must be taken last semester. Only offered Fall or Spring.
4	Spring	3	O	HIST 4387	Professional Development in Teaching			Consent of department and admission to clinical teaching. Students must be concurrently enrolled in EDUC 4611.	
4	Spring	9 Semester Total Hours							

126 TOTAL HOURS
(42) Advanced minimum credit hours